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ONE number, at least, of this publication will be issued every month. It is intended to contain a descriptive catalogue of the works purchased, critical notices, extracts from foreign periodicals, and interesting items of news in relation to the Fine Arts. A wood-cut will generally be given.

THE BULLETIN WILL BE FURNISHED GRATUITOUSLY TO HONORARY SECRETARIES AND TO THOSE MEMBERS WHO, AFTER PAYING THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS, SHALL ASK FOR IT AT THE DESK, OR SIGNIFY THEIR DESIRE TO HAVE IT FORWARDED TO THEM BY MAIL. To all others, the price will be six cents per number.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ENGRAVINGS AND "TRANSACTIONS" FOR 1848.

THE distribution of prints from the Engraving of "*Queen Mary signing the Death Warrant of Lady Jane Grey*," and of the "*Outline Illustrations of Rip Van Winkle*," commenced on the first day of May last. It is conducted as nearly as practicable in the order of the receipt of subscriptions.

The Committee have made arrangements by which the printing of the plate has been materially expedited, and they hope that the whole number of impressions will be completed by the first day of August. THEY DECIDED TO DELIVER THE ENGRAVINGS, OUTLINES AND "TRANSACTIONS," DURING THE MONTH OF MAY TO MEMBERS WHOSE CERTIFICATES ARE NUMBERED FROM 1 TO 5000 — DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE, TO THOSE WHOSE CERTIFICATES ARE NUMBERED FROM 5000 TO 10,000, AND DURING THE MONTH OF JULY, TO THE REMAINING SUBSCRIBERS. THE SOCIETY'S PUBLICATIONS, THEREFORE, ARE NOW READY FOR ALL WHOSE CERTIFICATES ARE NUMBERED BELOW 10,001.

THE PROGRAMME FOR THE YEAR 1849.

THE subject of the engraving for the present year is "*Youth*," being the second picture of MR. COLE'S celebrated series of the "*Voyage of Life*." It will be executed by JAMES SMILLIE.

Each member will also be entitled to a volume of *Etchings*, similar to the "*Rip Van Winkle*." The subject of these Etchings, is MR. IRVING'S tale of the "*Legend of Sleepy Hollow*," and the work will be entrusted to F. O. C. DARLEY.

The Medal will be commemorative of COL. TRUMBULL.

Twenty copies in bronze, twenty-two inches in height, from a *Statuette*, by H. K. BROWN, illustrative of Indian character, will be included in the distribution.

PROSPECTS OF THE ART-UNION FOR THE PRESENT YEAR.

BOTH the registry of members and the letters of Honorary Secretaries afford encouraging proofs of the increasing prosperity of the Art-Union. There are already on the books the names of more than four times as many members as there were at the same date last year. The Engravings and Etchings for 1848, appear to give general satisfaction. The plan of delivering them in the order of the dates of certificates,